

TODAY'S PRICES  
Mexican bank notes (State Mills) 12 1/2  
Mexican pesos 4 1/2 - National Mills 1 1/2  
1 1/2 - Canadian currency 6 1/2 - Bar silver  
(Handy & Harmon quotations) 14 1/2 - Copper  
12 1/2 - Grain - Higher - Livestock  
Meady.

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## Fire Sweeps Avalon On Catalina Island CLAIM LOSS MAY REACH \$1,000,000

Principal Hotels, Business Blocks, Bathhouse and Clubs Destroyed.  
FREIGHT HOUSES AND PIER DAMAGED  
More Than Half Of Town Is Burned In Sweep Of Early Morning Flames.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 29.—More than half the town of Avalon, on Santa Catalina island, was destroyed by fire. The fire started about 2:30 o'clock this morning and destroyed the two principal hotels, a number of business blocks, the bath house and clubs, and damaged the pier and freight houses, before it was brought under control about 4 o'clock.

Estimates of loss run as high as \$1,000,000. Practically all of Avalon was owned by the Panning company, which also owns Santa Catalina island. Avalon has long been a place of rest and recreation for people from all parts of the southwest during the summer months and is one of the best known resorts on the Pacific coast.

NEW YORK LABOR LAW IS UPHOLD  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—The New York state labor law of 1915, under which it was made compulsory to employ only citizens in the construction of public works, was today held constitutional by the supreme court.

Artillery Fires Real Shrapnel At Jack Rabbits  
The Fourth Field artillery with its mountain equipment loaded upon the army mules went out on the target range beyond Fort Bliss Monday morning to fire real shrapnel in its annual target practice.

WATSON CONTENTS WRITINGS WERE NOT REALLY OBSCENE  
Augusta, Ga., Nov. 29.—Thomas E. Watson, the Georgia editor, took the witness stand in his own defense today at his trial on charges of having sent obscene matter attacking the Roman Catholic church through the mails.

PHOENIX PLANS FOR CARNIVAL OF ROSES  
Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 29.—Preliminary plans for a "rose carnival" during the next state fair have been formulated by the directors of the chamber of commerce.

CANADA SEIZES CROP OF WHEAT  
Need of Allies, Especially of Italy, is the Cause of Drastic Action.  
Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 29.—By a government order, promulgated Sunday, the dominion has commandeered a portion of the wheat crop, estimated at between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 bushels, for its own use.

SEIZURE OF CANADIAN WHEAT DOES NOT AFFECT U. S. CROP  
Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 29.—Seizure of the Canadian wheat crop by the dominion government does not affect the United States in any degree, according to F. A. Haller, president of the chamber of commerce, and Franklin M. Crosby, director of the Washburn-Crosby company, millers. Mr. Haller said:

JURY DECLARES NEGRO KILLED WARDEN'S WIFE  
Joliet, Ill., Nov. 29.—Joseph Campbell, a negro convict, was today found guilty of murdering Mrs. Maizie Odette Allen, wife of former warden Allen, in the warden's apartment of the state penitentiary.

ENGINEERS' CORPS DETAILS ANNOUNCED IN ARMY ORDERS  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—The following army orders have been issued:  
First Lieut. A. H. Acher, corps of engineers, will report to the examining board at San Francisco, to determine his fitness for promotion.

THREE SHIPS ARE SUNK BY GERMANS; 49 LIVES LOST  
Marseilles, France, Nov. 29.—The French ship *Chippoua* has been sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. No word has been received of the 39 members of the crew and it is feared they have perished.

HOBBY ACTS AS GOVERNOR WHILE FERGUSON IS AWAY  
Austin, Texas, Nov. 29.—The first official act of Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby, as acting chief executive of Texas today, was the appointment of Louis A. Adoue, of Galveston, as a member of the board of pilot commissioners at Galveston.

PHOENIX RAILWAY CO. MUST DOUBLE TRACK LINE, RULING  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—The order of the Arizona corporation commission, requiring the Phoenix Railway company to double track its line, serving the state capital, was upheld today by the supreme court.

SECOND STANDARD OIL VICE PRESIDENT DIES  
New York, Nov. 29.—William E. Hamm, second vice president of the Standard Oil company of New York, and identified with Standard Oil for 35 years, died suddenly today at his summer home near Fort Jervis. He contracted pneumonia while duck shooting last Friday, but his condition had not been thought serious.

KERN WILL BE FLOOR LEADER  
Democrats Choose Indiana Senator to Direct the Caucus Affairs Also.  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Senator Kern, of Indiana, was elected chairman of the Democratic senate caucus and floor leader by unanimous vote today at the conference of the senate Democrats.

EL PASO COUNTY ROAD BOND ISSUE APPROVED  
Austin, Texas, Nov. 29.—The attorney general's department today approved an issue of \$200,000 El Paso county special road bonds, series 1916, bearing five per cent interest and maturing in 20 years. The bonds were registered in the controller's department.

GRANT COUNTY NEGRO GIVEN TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS  
San Jose, N. M., Nov. 29.—United States district judge W. H. Pope has sentenced Roy Houston, a negro boy, to serve two and one-half years in the federal prison at Leavenworth. He was convicted on a charge of forging a postoffice money order for \$50. He is from Grant county.

BULGARIAN MINISTER ASKS U. S. TO INQUIRE FOR SON  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—The Bulgarian minister, Stephan Panaretov, today asked the state department to inquire through its own channels the report of the death in the Serbian campaign of his only son, a sub-lieutenant in the Bulgarian army.

SAYS MEXICANS ROBBED AND STABBED HIM SUNDAY  
Claiming he had been set upon by three Mexicans Sunday night near the Union station, stabbed in the back and robbed of \$200, Rodolfo Velaz called at the police station Monday. He was sent to the county hospital.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY BY JURY IN MURDER TRIAL  
Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 29.—After being out all night, the jury in the case of the murder of Felix Madrid at Agua Caliente on September 19, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The defense claims that the shooting was an accident.

DAWSON MAN WINS STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP  
Dawson, N. M., Nov. 29.—E. E. Dawson, of Dawson, is the golf champion of New Mexico. He has returned from Albuquerque where the state championship was played off recently in a match in which the Dawson man defeated Dr. Frank Brady, John Sims and others.

ALLIES GATHER FORCES FOR ATTACK  
Greece Gives a Satisfactory Answer to the Last Joint Note, It Is Announced.  
SERBS RETREATING TOWARD ALBANIA  
Fate Of Monastir, Once Reported Captured By Invaders, Is Obscure.

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 29.—The British public is not inclined to grant the German contention that the Serbian campaign of the Central powers has been brought to a successful conclusion.

EL PASO GIRL, 11 AND FRIENDLESS, OUT OF WORK, ENDS LIFE BY DROWNING  
San Bernardino, Calif., Nov. 29.—A note found in a clump of shrubbery today established the identity of a young woman found drowned in a lake here as Miss Cora Stanton, formerly of El Paso, Tex.

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FOE'S BEATEN, SAYS GALLIENI  
French Minister of War Declares That Germany is Trapped in a Vise.  
Paris, France, Nov. 29.—Germany and Austria, trapped in a vise, are already beaten, in the opinion of Gen. Joseph Gallieni, minister of war, in an interview given the Associated Press.

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